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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: :
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NATHANIEL L. HERRING ET AL. :
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Serial No.: New Application :
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Filed: Herewith :
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For: ADAPTER FOR DATA :
TRANSMISSION SYSTEMS :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Insert the following paragraph before the heading Field of the Invention on page 1:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

-- This application is a divisional of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/578,694 to Nathaniel L. Herring et al., filed on March 26, 2000, the subject matter of which is hereby incorporated by reference. --

IN THE CLAIMS:


Cancel claims 16-20.

REMARKS

This application is a divisional of co-pending application Serial No. 09/578,694 to Nathaniel L. Herring et al., filed on May 26, 2000 in compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 129. By this Amendment, claims 16-20 are cancelled.

Prompt and favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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